

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

ORGANIC HARVEST MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, organic food production is based on a system of agriculture that maintains and replenishes soil fertility without the use of most conventional pesticides and fertilizers; and

WHEREAS, organic agriculture helps preserve the quality of our water and protects the health of our environment according to the Organic Trade Association; and

WHEREAS, over 200 North Carolina farms have organic products with over \$5 million of revenue generated by organic sales according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of *Organic Harvest Month* in the year 2008 provides a unique opportunity for citizens of the State of North Carolina to celebrate the bounty of the organic harvest and the wide variety of certified organic products available throughout our State and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "**ORGANIC HARVEST MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.